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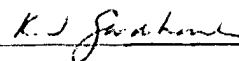
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being filed in view of the Office Action mailed on September 11, 2008, which has a response due January 11, 2009 with a one-month extension of time. In view of the remarks presented herewith, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this submission.